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Members of the Cambridge, MA City Council:

How could any self-respecting U.S. city council even consider the extremely offensive anti-Israel/anti-Semitic resolution to be voted on next Monday? Its call
“to end its contracts” with Hewlett-Packard (HP) until HP “ends their support for violence against and oppression of Palestinians, deportations and surveillance of immigrants in the U.S., and oppression and surveillance of those currently and formerly incarcerated in the U.S.” insidiously masks its true purpose. What an ill-fitting array of "intersectional" claptrap, transparently worded to obscure obvious nefarious intent!

, However mischievous, this lies-based resolution is hardly harmless. It is at the tip end of a very long, and growing, deadly spear. Anti-Israel zealots 24/7 seek any and every possible means to undermine, delegitimize, and ultimately destroy the world's one Jewish state, and the only fully democratic Mideast nation. Their despicable tactics have long permeated Northamerican college campuses and academic associations. They seek now to move more deeply into local politics, seeking out especially soft targets. Please don't be one! Cambridge doesn't need a foreign policy.

Political "progressives" increasingly see Israel as the "enemy", while bizarrely embracing as "friends" the most "regressive" entities and movements. There's nothing, for example, at all "progressive" about Hamas, a racist, misogynist, homophobic, anti-democratic, corrupt oppressor of its unfortunate Gaza subjects, Will the Council effectively stand with such enemies of freedom as Hamas, Hezbollah, Iran, and Assad? Will the Council ignore the many horrors now roiling the world to "select out" solely the Jewish nation for condemnation? Will it gratuitously insult the very large Greater Boston Jewish community? Surely it won't.

Please vote 'NO'!

Sincerely yours,

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